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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-7,26 and 28-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 9/2/05
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


SAM CHUAN YAO
PATENT EXAMINER

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. James Dottavio on 09-02-05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification Amendments

On page 6, please amend the specification as follows;

[0012] Figure 1A is a cross-sectional view of a sheet molding compound having improved surface characteristics according to one preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0013] Figure 1B is a cross-sectional view of a prior art sheet molding compound;

[0014] Figure 2A is a schematic diagram for making the sheet molding compound of Figures 1A and 1B;

[0015] Figure 2B is an alternate schematic diagram for making the sheet molding compound of Figures 1A and 1B;

[0016] Figure 2C is a close-up view of the funnel shaped dispensing device of Figure 2B;

[0017] Figure 2D is an enlarged partial cross sectional view of the funnel shaped dispensing device shown in Figure 2B.

[0018] Figures 3A and 3B are a perspective view of a sheet molding compound having improved surface characteristics according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0019] Figure 4A is a schematic diagram for making the sheet molding compound of Figure 3A;

[0020] Figure 4B is a schematic diagram for making the sheet molding compound of Figure 3A;

[0021] Figure 4C is a schematic diagram for making the sheet molding compound of Figure 3B;

[0022] Figure 5A is a schematic diagram for making a sheet molding compound according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0023] Figure 5B is a schematic diagram for making a sheet molding compound according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention;

[0024] Figure 6A and 6B are a close-up view of the volumetric paste extrusion device used in Figures 5A and 5B;

[0025] Figures 7A and 7B are a close-up view of the bulk molding volumetric extrusion device of Figures 5A and 5B;

[0026] Figure 8 depicts another preferred embodiment of a slit extrusion die of Figures 5A and 5B having a deformable lip; and

[0027] Figure 9 depicts another preferred embodiment of a volumetric paste extrusion device that can be used in Figures 5A and 5B.

Claims 8-25 were canceled.

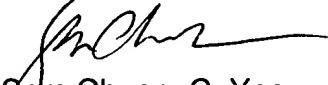
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sam Chuan C. Yao whose telephone number is (571)

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272-1224. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday with second Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (571) 272-1156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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